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REPULSED WITH LOSS

Russians Attempted to Retake 203-Meter Hill.

SAILORS AMONG DEAD

JAPS BELIEVE PORT ARTHUR FORCE IS FALLING SHORT.

Fortifying of Positions by Czar's Troops Increases Belief of Preparations for Last Stand.

TOKYO, December 2, 3 p.m.—It is reported here that the Russians have attempted to retake 203-Meter Hill. They assembled a strong force and assaulted the position, but were repulsed with heavy loss.

The Japanese, finding sailors among the Russian dead, believe that if men from the fleet are being employed in making sorties the complement of the force must be falling short.

The fact that the Russians are fortifying their positions and building up their lines and that the Japanese are making sorties and making the belief that they will make their last stand there.

JAP LOSSES AT PORT ARTHUR.

17 Officers Killed and 64 Wounded—Sword Attack.

TOKYO, December 2, 11 a.m.—Imperial headquarters makes the announcement that seventeen officers have been killed and sixty-four wounded in the field, but does not mention the place. It is presumed that it was at Port Arthur.

The details of the attack of the swordsmen at Port Arthur are unknown here, and a difference of opinion exists as to whether any of the attacking parties were armed exclusively with swords. Possibly many of the soldiers carried swords in addition to their bayonets, for the Japanese retain much ancient respect for the sword, and continue training with it, despite the opposition of the officers of the newer school.

The results of this sword attack were evidently negative.

The wounded leg of Gen. Nakamura has been amputated.

The party under Gen. Saito retired and did not press the attack.

RUSSIANS TO TAKE OFFENSIVE.

Council of War Decides for a General Movement Along Front.

NEW YORK, December 2.—A cablegram from Rome says the Giornale Di Roma today publishes a dispatch from its Moscow correspondent stating that General Kuropatkin yesterday convoked the generals in a council of war to consider the military situation. It was decided that the Russian troops should take the offensive along the entire front.

Only Internal Forts Active.

A cablegram from London says a dispatch from Rome received at the Japanese legation today states that only the internal forts at Port Arthur are now standing out against the Japanese. The town and docks have been abandoned by the Russians, as they are at the mercy of the Japanese cannonade.

Japs Avoided Engagement.

TOKYO, December 2.—The following was given out at the imperial headquarters this morning:

"The commander of the Japanese force at Hsienkuchang reports that on November 25 a detachment of our force attacked the enemy's position at Suchialoutzu and dislodged him, but, discovering a large column of the enemy advancing from the rear, our force stopped and occupied Machialcheng and its vicinity. In the forenoon of November 26 some artillery appeared in the direction of Sianziatzu and Wanliu river, and in the afternoon the enemy was gradually reinforced by Cossacks, three or four battalions of infantry and eight guns. Our detachment avoided an engagement, rejoining our main position."

Japs Bayoneted.

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Russian Cruiser at Tangier.

TANGIER, Morocco, December 2.—The Russian auxiliary cruiser Rion, formerly the Smolensk, and her two torpedo boat destroyers have arrived here and are coaling.

Russian Warships Bound South.

ISLAND OF PERIM, Strait of Bab-el-Mandeb, December 2.—Four Russian warships passed Perim at 2 o'clock this morning going southward. The ships were the battleship Soudan, about seven and one-half miles southeast of Tishketchen.

Released Steamer Sailed.

VLADIVOSTOK, Russia, December 2.—The British steamer Calchas, which was captured by the Russian Vladivostok squadron while bound from Puget sound ports to Japan, and whose release was announced October 28, today sailed for Nagasaki, Japan.

BALTIMORE POSTMASTERSHIP.

Indications Reported Point to Selection of Gen. Agnus.

BALTIMORE, December 2.—A big surprise is said to be in store concerning the Baltimore postmastership, and indications point to the ultimate selection of Gen. Felix Agnus, publisher of the Baltimore American. This report comes from high political circles, and while Gen. Agnus knows nothing of such a plan, it is believed by re-

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publican leaders who have the interests of the party at heart, that in Gen. Agnus will be found a compromise candidate who will be acceptable to the factions now endeavoring to catch the presidential ear.

Congressman Wachter's fight for Gen. J. Stuart MacDonald would likely prove a success were it not for the opposition of Senator McComas, who would endorse any good republican for the postmastership in order to defeat Wachter.

It is known that the President thoroughly understands this situation, and it is contended that he will not select either of the proposed candidates to the detriment of the other.

President Roosevelt, it is believed, wants a man for the postmastership of Baltimore who is acceptable to all the republicans in Maryland, and in this respect Gen. Agnus is looked upon as a shining example.

As Gen. Agnus has not been mentioned in the magazines, his acceptance of such a position is highly problematical. It seems to be the hope, however, of the leaders who desire to preserve harmony in the republicans, that they will make a compromise with Gen. Agnus, who would manifest a receptive mood were the postmastership of Baltimore tendered him as a compromise testimonial of his services to the republican cause.

NAN PATTERSON IS ILL.

Reported to Be Suffering From the Strain of Trial.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE EVENING STAR.
NEW YORK, December 2.—Lawyers for Nan Patterson declare that if her second trial for the alleged murder of Young Matron Monday, is not postponed it will be necessary to carry her into court on a stretcher. They say she is a very sick woman and her life is at stake.

The intense strain of the last few weeks on her nerves has been too much for her, it is stated, and her health has broken down and several hemorrhages have left her very weak.

Dr. McGuire, the Tombs physician, has done all he can for the actress, and her lawyers say that today outside medical aid will be called in. When the actress' father, who is said to be her only friend, saw her when he left the prison he was in tears. Unless she improves greatly before Monday a postponement of the trial will be asked for.

"Nan is in a very bad way," said the father of the prisoner. "She had several hemorrhages, which have weakened her terribly. I cannot leave her, though I am myself on the verge of a collapse, for I feel that my duties with her are too heavy."

Matron O'Brien of the Tombs said: "The throat trouble is nothing when compared with the hemorrhages. She is badly weakened, and she may be out of here, for if she remains long she will not live. She seems to have lost hope as well as faith, and she is very nervous. I, I think, am responsible for it."

MYSTERY SURROUNDS DEATH.

No Evidence That Man Committed Suicide or Was Murdered.

CHICAGO, December 2.—There was no mark of violence on the body of William R. Englewood, N. J., who was found dead in a hotel here yesterday, and apparently nothing to support the first opinion of the police that he had committed suicide.

For weeks Dorris' whereabouts had been unknown to his friends and old business associates in Chicago. For a week or two he had been staying at the University Club, but he was a non-resident member.

A telegram found in the dead man's pocket was from his brother-in-law, William H. Steel of New York, November 17. "Your letter received," it read. "Am wiring you \$40. Absolutely no more until December 17, the monthly due date."

Dorris formerly was secretary and treasurer of the Horn-Dans Can Company of St. Paul, but had sold his interest in the concern to the American Can Company. It was reported that he had been in St. Paul, Minn., at the office of the latter concern.

"Dorris was not known to be in such hard straits, although he had lost a considerable fortune. I understand that he was 'killed,' said one of the officials of the company."

SERVIAN CABINET RESIGNED.

Resignations Due to Disagreements Over New Railroads.

BELGRADE, Serbia, December 2.—The cabinet has resigned.

The resignation of the Servian cabinet is due to a disagreement between the ministers over the building of new railroads. The ministry was constituted in February, 1906, under Premier Druyes.

RE-ELECTED GENERAL OFFICERS.

Proceedings of the National W. C. T. U. Philadelphia Today.

PHILADELPHIA, December 2.—The National Women's Christian Temperance Union today re-elected its general officers for another year. The officers are: Mrs. Lillian M. Stevens, Portland, Me., president; Mrs. Anna A. Gordon, Evanston, Ill., vice president at large; Mrs. Susanna M. D. Fry, Evanston, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Evelyn N. Graham, Maryland, recording secretary; Mrs. Frances E. Beauchamp, Lexington, Ky., assistant recording secretary; Mrs. Helen Morton Barker, Evanston, treasurer.

Among the reports presented during the session were the following: Informal letter at sacrament, Mrs. H. E. Hollingshead, Ohio; penal and reformatory work, Mrs. Jane M. Kinney, Michigan; work among railroad employees, Mrs. Clara E. Hays, Michigan; work among soldiers and sailors, Mrs. Ella M. Thatcher, New Jersey; work among lumbermen, Mrs. William H. Shuman, Wisconsin; Sabbath observance, Mrs. Varla F. Conner, New Jersey; and mercy, Mrs. Mary F. Lovell, Pennsylvania.

BIG FIRE AT PITTSBURG.

Two Alarms Sent in for Blaze in Business District.

PITTSBURG, December 2.—Fire broke out in the three-story building No. 353 Liberty avenue at 1 o'clock this afternoon, and a half hour later smoke was issuing from the two adjoining buildings, occupied by the Philadelphia and Erie Railroad Company. The building No. 353 is occupied by John Flocker, rope and twine dealer; Becker Brothers, general manufacturers; and a Hamburg furniture dealer. Two alarms have already been sent in.

CHAUNCEY F. BLACK DEAD.

Former Lieutenant Governor of Pennsylvania.

YORK, Pa., December 2.—Chauncey F. Black, former lieutenant governor of Pennsylvania and a leader of the democratic party, died at Brockie, his suburban home, near this city, today.

He had been in poor health the past few years, but his condition did not assume a dangerous phase until a month or two ago.

Prince Frederick Dead.

MUNICH, Bavaria, December 2.—Prince Frederick of Hohenzollern, a member of the non-reigning Sigmaringen branch of the family and a younger brother of King Charles of Roumania, is dead. He was born in 1862, and was a general in the Prussian cavalry.

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OUTLOOK FOR SESSION

Uncertainty of a River and Harbor Bill.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS

NOT MANY NEW ONES EXPECTED TO BE AUTHORIZED.

The Speaker Will Look Out for Economical Expenditures—Not Much General Legislation Likely.

"Is there going to be a pork barrel bill this session?" was the question that incoming Congressmen were eagerly asking at the Capitol today. By "pork barrel bill" they mean a river and harbor appropriation act or a general act for the construction of public buildings. These two measures are very dear to the heart of most of the senators and representatives just now.

Truth to say, the men who canvassed the subject did not find very much encouragement in the outlook. About the best they could see in it was a large and top-heavy burden of hope resting upon rather a shaky foundation of promise in fact.

Men who talked with Speaker Cannon did not come away with optimism with regard to their future. The Speaker did not seem to them in so many words when they hinted around about urgent public works, but he dropped in a remark here and there, it is said, which kind of dampened the ardor of the promoters of the public good, to say the least.

The Speaker, they say, pointed out that there is already, as he termed it, "a very heavy burden of hope resting upon rather a shaky foundation of promise in fact."

He could see one way that this session of Congress could deal with the situation—to be economical. "Now, boys," he would add, "just chew on that for a while."

Two Popular Chairmen.
Chairman Burton of the rivers and harbors committee has been a much sought man since he came to Washington. The incoming congressmen seek him out and fall fondly upon his neck, to speak. They all want to renew their expressions of fond regard and incidentally to ask if "there is anything doing" in the way of a river and harbor bill. Mr. Burton can only say to the committee is looking over the estimates.

Well informed congressmen say today that in their opinion if there is a river and harbor bill it will be devoid of "pork barrel" features. In other words, that it may be possible to pass a bill for strictly necessary public buildings and grounds, but that new works upon a large scale will have to be postponed.

Chairman Gillette of the committee on public buildings and grounds is expected in town tomorrow. He is another popular man about this time, and his levee tomorrow will be well attended. In point of fact, the public building bill is of more interest to the rank and file than the river and harbor bill. It is a bill that will be of more interest to the rank and file than the river and harbor bill.

Speaker Cannon is going over the financial estimates of the army and navy from day to day and getting his armor on to resist attacks from the "boys" who will come clamoring for appropriations committee will be here Sunday, and he and the Speaker will go over the estimates together.

No Financial Legislation Likely.
Inquiries at the Capitol today about prospective financial legislation elicited the opinion freely expressed that nothing would be attempted at the short session. The House and Senate are quite far apart on the several financial bills that have been introduced. Senator Aldrich is expected in town tomorrow and will, it is said, look the situation over next week to see if there is possibility of any of the financial bills getting through.

One of the republican leaders of the House today said that there would probably be no session of the House until January 1, and until the republicans had exchanged views with each other upon the subject. As men arrive they show inclination to go very slowly on the tariff question.

"One thing is certain," added this leader, "it is an embarrassing situation, but we will handle it and will handle it without burning our fingers."

Army Estimates.

Chairman Hull of the House committee on military affairs was at the Capitol today looking over the army estimates. His committee makes up the army appropriation and military academy appropriation bills.

"The committee will get to work early next week on the army appropriation bill," said Chairman Hull to a Star reporter this afternoon. "I cannot speak definitely on this time, but I should imagine that we will probably cut the army bill below the level of appropriation."

"There is not likely to be very much general army legislation this session, I should say," he supposed the general staff will come in with some recommendations. One thing that is being asked is that details to the general staff shall be upon the same basis as the details to the general staff.

"We will probably consider the bill for the reorganization of the medical corps, although I do not know what will be done with it. The hearings on the bill were held at the last session and the army surgeons are very anxious to have action. I don't know at this time of any proposed legislation for the army in the Philippines. The Philippine revenue laws may be amended, but that question does not come before the committee, but is handled by the ways and means. I don't look for general legislation of any moment this session."

MAKING GOOD PROGRESS.

Subcommittee at Work on the Legislative Appropriation Bill.

The subcommittee of the House committee on appropriations, which has charge of the preparation of the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill, is making excellent progress in its work, and the bill will be ready for presentation to the full committee soon after the convening of Congress. Officials of the State Department, the Department of Justice, the Department of Commerce and Labor and the Treasury Department were heard by the subcommittee today with regard to their prospective appropriations for their respective branches of the government service.

\$100,000 Fire at Clarksburg.

CLARKSBURG, W. Va., December 2.—The plant of the A. D. Parr Lumber Company was burned today. Loss over \$100,000.

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Oldest Woman on the American Stage—Had Appeared to Be in Her Usual Health.

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CHICAGO, December 2.—Mrs. George Henry Gilbert, the oldest actress on the American stage, died in her home at the Sherman House today, shortly after she had suffered a stroke of apoplexy.

The apoplectic stroke came while Mrs. Gilbert was alone with her maid. The maid first sought to lift her on to a couch, but realizing that Mrs. Gilbert's attack was a grave one, the maid left her where she had fallen and summoned the house physician, Dr. J. T. Owen, who responded immediately to the call. He pronounced the condition of Mrs. Gilbert critical.

Mrs. Gilbert's Chicago engagement in Clyde Fitch's play, "Granny," began at Powers' Theater last Monday, and until today the venerable actress had appeared to be in her usual health.

Was Star of a New Play.

NEW YORK, December 2.—Mrs. Gilbert was the star of the play "Granny," written by Clyde Fitch. The company was organized by Charles Frohman and was put before the public as a tribute to Mrs. Gilbert's long career on the stage. Mrs. Gilbert played "Granny" for three weeks in this city, and when she started to tour the country it was the intention to present the play in every city where she had played during her career, and at the conclusion of the long trip she was to retire from the stage.

The ovation to Mrs. Gilbert upon her appearance in New York at the first night of the play was a remarkable and pathetic one, and the old lady received the warmest of her greetings. Fears were entertained at that time that Mrs. Gilbert was not strong enough for the long tour, but she assured the management of her good health and the trip was started.

Unique Place in Hearts of New Yorkers
For more than a generation Mrs. Gilbert held a unique place in the affections of the New York theater-going public. She appeared at Daly's in most of the plays produced there and her work gained for her considerable prominence, although it was not until this year, destined to be the last of her life, that she became a star.

The play in which she had the leading part was written especially for her by Clyde Fitch. It gave her opportunity to use her abilities to good advantage, and despite her great age she took a keen and intelligent interest in preparing it for presentation.

At Daly's Mrs. Gilbert took part with the late James Lewis in the daily productions of the old English comedy and in the new plays. In these plays she was the best remembered here.

Her Long Stage Career.

Mrs. George Henry Gilbert was born October 21, 1821, at Rochdale, Lancashire. She made her first appearance on the stage as a singer under the management of Abington in the Norwich circuit in the year 1840. The same year she was married to the principal dancer in the company, and they went to New York in 1841. In October, 1840, husband and wife came to America, where Mrs. Gilbert achieved great success.

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